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EFFECTS OF MOBILE PHONES ON HEALTH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electromagnetic waves emitted by mobile phones can seriously damage the tissues of the users;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has issued guidelines asking manufacturers and service providers to avoid advertisements showing children and pregnant women using telephone;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any inquiry has been made in this regard; and

(f) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (f) The World Health Organisation (WHO) fact sheet No. 304 of May, 2006 states that the radiations from mobile base stations, phones and wireless networks are far below the permitted levels and also the research results collected to date, confirm that there is no convincing scientific evidence that the weak RF signals from base stations/phones and wireless networks cause adverse health effects.

It is further mentioned that the report of the committee constituted as per the orders of Hon'ble High Court,Mumbai,to study the effects of radiations from mobile phone towers/phones and related aspects, under Director General,Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) indicates that 'overall there is not enough evidence to show direct health hazards of RF exposures from mobile base stations/phones.

Government has not issued any guidelines asking manufacturer and services providers to avoid advertisements showing children and pregnant women using mobile telephones.